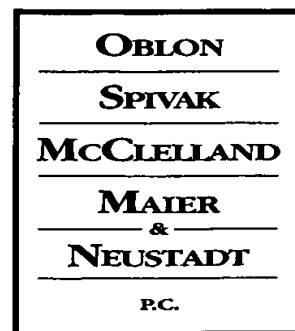




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/Marked-up Copy

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Responsive to the Official Action of June 4, 2002, and further to the Notice of Non-
Responsive Amendment mailed on February 26, 2003, in the above-identified application,
reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows:

--25. (Twice Amended) An agglutination immunoassay for assaying an antigen,
comprising a polypeptide, wherein said immunoassay comprises: